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GULLS

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Old fishbreath, old saltbeak, the sea is your father
grandmother sun is your iron tooth
your heartbeats fan the dance of angels
your nomad eyes have seen the void.
Old feathersoul, old sandbegger,
your breadfeet score where cavemen stared in wonderment
your savage fire is stronger than a curse.
I nod to your kingdom old airlord,
your worship needs no cathedral
when night speaks, you complete its reason
you are deep enough to know the wind.

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